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Identical letters dated 31 August 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

As the international community remains silent, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to wage its brutal military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, especially in the Gaza Strip. Yesterday alone, Israeli occupying forces killed 11 more Palestinians, including an 11-year-old, a 14-year-old and an 18-year-old. Most of the deaths that have been inflicted on the Palestinian people by the Israeli occupying forces occurred in the Al-Shija'ya neighbourhood in the east of Gaza City. Over the past five days, Israeli tanks and warplanes have heavily shelled the area, causing a high number of deaths and injuries to the civilian population. In this regard, the total number of Palestinians killed since the Israeli incursion into Al-Shija'ya neighbourhood during this period now totals over 20, including children and women and a mentally disabled young man. Moreover, the total number of Palestinians killed since the beginning of the military aggression against Gaza and its inhabitants has increased to well over 220, including 46 children and 12 women. In addition, at least 755 others, including 203 children, 28 women, 4 paramedics and 6 journalists, have been wounded, many seriously.

It is starkly evident that it is the intention of Israel, the occupying Power, to cause as much death and destruction, both civilian and material, as possible in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, through its deliberate use of excessive, indiscriminate and completely disproportionate force against the occupied population. Indeed, in both word and action, the occupying Power has indicated that it will in fact continue with its aggression and its illegal policies, further compounding the suffering of the Palestinian people, whom are already living in impoverished conditions under its brutal occupation. We continue to call on the international community to take action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its military attacks and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

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The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 263 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dating from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 28 August 2006 (A/ES-10/354-S/2006/641), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. Moreover, we reiterate that for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret that since our last letter to you at least 22 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,210. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Riyad **Mansour**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 31 August 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 29 August, through Thursday, 31 August 2006)

Tuesday, 29 August 2006

1. Hani Hashash
2. Ibrahim Anu Muneef
3. Mariam Farhouda
4. Ibrahim Al-Dairi
5. Jarad Al-Jamali
6. Haitham Hassan
7. Yousri Jaber
8. Ahmad Abdul Rahman
9. Mohammed Al-Zaqq (14 years old)
10. Hussam Abu Rokbah
11. Qais Aref Oufi

Wednesday, 30 August 2006

1. Hussam Jaradat
2. Rami Al-Gharabi
3. Ra'ed Sbeta
4. Muhannad Jendiyyeh
5. Salman Abu Al-Qomboz
6. Yasser Al-Gharabi
7. Nidal Al-Dahdouh (14 years old)
8. Iyad Al-Sarsak
9. Hamdi Al-Banna (18 years old)
10. Hussam Al-Sarsawi (11 years old)

Thursday, 31 August 2006

1. Fadi Qafisha

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,210.